

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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The Honorable Mike Quigley  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Financial Services  
and General Government  
2000 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Steve Womack  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Financial Services  
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1016 Longworth House Office Building  
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Dear Chairman Quigley and Ranking Member Womack:

As you prepare the FY2022 Financial Services and General Government appropriations bill, we urge you to allocate funds to the Civil Rights Cold Case Record Collections and the Civil Rights Cold Case Records Review Board at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

In January 2019, the Civil Rights Cold Case Records Collection Act of 2018 became law (PL 115-426). This law mandates public disclosure for unsolved Civil Rights Cold Cases by granting members of the Review Board the authority to obtain access to Civil Rights Cold Case Records. Upon review of these cases, the Board is mandated to determine which records should be made available for public release.

As you know, many of the Civil Rights Cold Cases include horrific crimes like lynching. These cases remain unsolved for a variety of reasons, including, at times, the lack of will on the part of law enforcement. We are now in a position where we have moved past much of the enmity of that era and professionals across the country are ready and willing to help solve these atrocities. We, as a nation, should do what we can to support them in this important endeavor. As Members of Congress, we owe it to our constituents to ensure that the American people know the full history of the Civil Rights Era, including information about Civil Rights Cold Cases.

We appreciate your steadfast support of this program in FY2021. In once again seeking these funds, we hope to continue to garner the same bipartisan support as was received in the passage of the law that created these programs and the appropriations that funded them. Therefore, we respectfully request that the Subcommittee ensure NARA receives robust funding for these programs that will be used to help shed light on a dark chapter of our nation's history.

Sincerely,



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